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1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-15, drawn to a composite yarn.

Group II, claim(s) 16, drawn to a first method of making a composite yarn (264/45.8).

Group III, claims 17, 19, 21, drawn to another method(s) of making a composite yarn (427).

Group IV, claim 18, drawn yet another method of making a composite yarn

Group V, claims 20, drawn to yet still another method of making a composite yarn.

If group I is elected by applicant, applicant is required to elect a single for the filament yarn of claim 1 lines 1-2. Select either inorganic material or organic material for claim 1. If applicant elects inorganic material from claim 1, applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species from claim 4. Select one species form examination.

If applicant elects organic material for claim 1, Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species from claims 5 and 6. Select one species for examination.

If group I is elected by applicant, applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for the polymer material from claim 11,12,13,14 for the first matrix and second matrix. Select one species for the first matrix and select one species for the second matrix.

If group I is elected, applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for the flame retardant of claim 15.

The special technical feature (STF) of Claim 1 is fibers uniformly distributed in a polymeric matrix. The STF is show in US 3,916,060, US 7364788, US 7381447, US 6,630,231, and US 6986,854, for example. Thus, there can be no Unity of Invention when the STF is shown in the prior art. Hence, a Lack Of Unity is held by the Primary Examiner in accordance with 37 CFR 1.475 and PCT rule 13.

A telephone call was made to Jeffery Bousquet of 9/16/08, but no election was made.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Primary Examiner Edwards at telephone number (571)272-1521.

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